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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

1. The amendment filed on 5/4/2005 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claim 5, the phrase "a bridge section connected to an end of the carriage seat" and "a carriage seat" in line 5, are unclear, whether the carriage seat in line 3 and a carriage seat in line 5 are the same or not.

Regarding claim 5, the phrase "wherein the key section one of the first and the second carriage carts selectively connecting the second connecting section of the first carriage cad and the second connecting section of the second carriage cart to opposing ends of the bridge section of one of the first and the second carriage carts" is unclear how it work when the key section connected the first carriage cart to the second carriage cart. As best understood by the examiner is the key section is a plurality of bolts that used for connecting a bridge section to a second connecting section (plurality of apertures or four apertures, which are located at both end of the carriage cart). A

bridge section is located at both ends of the carriage cart having four apertures on two opposing ends or a first connecting section, when the first carriage cart connected to the second carriage cart, examiner is not sure one of the bridge should be putted a side or on top of each other. As shown in figure 5, only one bridge is used and an outer aperture being used only to connected the first and second carriage cart together.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. **Claims 4-5 are as best understood rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jennings et al. (4,127,202).**

Jennings et al. in figures 1-9c, discloses a structure for interconnecting one carriage cart with another. The carriage cart includes a carriage seat, which is a polygonal body, several wheels (62, 68) being disposed under the carriage seat for rolling on the ground and a second connecting section located on opposing ends (as shown in figure 3). The carriage cart also includes a bridge section (92) connected to an end of the carriage seat and having a first connecting section located on two opposing ends thereof (as shown in figure 1). The carriage cart also includes a key section connected with the first and second connecting sections by insertion (as shown in figure 5).

Regarding claim 2, Jennings et al. disclose the carriage seat that is a rectangular body formed of four slats connected with each other.

Regarding claim 3, Jennings et al. disclose the first connecting section including at least two perforations and the second connecting section includes at least one perforation. The key section being a thread rod for screwing into the first and second connecting sections to interconnect the same.

Regarding claim 4, Jennings et al. disclose the first connecting section including at least two perforations (one on each side) and the second connecting section includes at least one perforation. The key section being a thread rod for screwing into the first and second connecting sections to interconnect the same.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-6696. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christ Ellis can be reached on 571-272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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